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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

0170SS-45347

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,846,435, granted 12/8/98, and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Method for Dewatering of

Sludge
the specification of which and amendment thereto

☒ is attached hereto. *

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ / _____
and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

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(See attached insert)

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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(Reissue Application Declaration By The Inventor)

The inventor was given to believe by the prior patent attorney that prosecuted the original application that use of a plural term in the claims covered one or more. The inventor has subsequently been advised that arguably that is not so. The patent attorney prosecuting the original application is a brilliant person who speaks many languages, English not being the native tongue. The inventor believes that that prior attorney may in fact have been mistaken as to use of the English language and as to a plural noun in English covering one or more.

In any event, the inventor now believes that there is an issue as to whether the claims as issued reciting "polymeric quaternary ammonium compounds" cover one or more of such compounds. The examples in the specification use one such compound. It was the inventor's intent to cover one or more compounds. It was the inventor's belief, until recently, that the claims indeed covered one or more compounds. (Reviewing all of the claims, there is an apparent indifferent use of the singular and the plural of the word "compound" in regard to polymeric quaternary ammonium, as if the terms indeed were equivalent. It was the intent of both the prior patent attorney and the inventor that they be equivalent.)

In order to clarify the claims, the inventor hereby applies to clearly specify at least one polymeric quaternary ammonium compound as per the examples in the specification. It should appear clear that that was what was intended to be covered by the original language. This may be considered a broadening reissue.

Narrowing dependent claims 17, 18 and 19 have been added for completeness purposes, a need uncovered during the preparation of the instant reissue application.